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WASTE ANALYSIS IN SCHOOLS

Does your high school need to save money? Want to reduce the amount of money spent on solid waste management? If your city or county has a recycling center that is willing to work with your school system, help may be on the way. The staff of the Kentucky Recycling and Marketing Assistance program is ready to perform a waste analysis at your school to determine what could be recycled that is currently being hauled away as waste. Perhaps the school could have their outdoor trash containers pulled less often, or reduce the size of the containers now in use.

If students at the high school have an environmental club or a teacher who emphasizes environmental studies and the students want to participate, call Dara Carlisle at (502) 564-6716 to discuss the details and get your school on the schedule.

DECEPTIVE RECYCLER FINED

One often hears rumors of recyclers disposing of collected recyclables in a landfill, and in this instance it actually happened. A company operating in Louisville, Dixie Sanitation, was recently fined and agreed to pay restitution to its customers for throwing recyclables in the landfill. The Kentucky attorney general's office investigated and found that the company delivered recyclables to the landfill along with garbage, rather than delivering it to a recycling facility.

FREE CELL PHONE RECYCLING

Office Depot Inc. recently started recycling cell phones and rechargeable batteries at all of its North American stores. The company partnered with the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corp. to offer the service free of charge. Cell phones and rechargeable batteries contain various heavy metals, so it is important to keep them out of landfills and incinerators. It is estimated that Americans will retire about 130 million cell phones per year and that about 500 million are now stored because consumers are unsure of how to discard them. Office Depot will also accept rechargeable batteries (weighing less than two pounds) used in most portable electronic devices.

SCRAP METAL DIRECTORY

The latest edition of the North American Scrap Metals Directory is available. This edition lists more than 8,500 companies that collect, process and broker all grades of scrap metals. It also lists companies that provide equipment and services to the metal recycling industry. The directory is available in CD-ROM format or print. For more information, contact Debbie Kean at (800) 456-0707 or dkean@gie.net.

PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS

It is definitely a love-hate relationship with plastic shopping bags. We love them because they are handy and cheap, but hate them when they end up as litter along roadsides and in trees. Australia and Ireland have enacted a tax on plastic bags, prompting many consumers to use their own cloth or other durable bags. Plastic bags in Ireland cost the consumer 15 cents each, reportedly reducing use by 90 percent. San Francisco is now considering a 17-cent per bag tax with the City Commission voting on the issue at the end of January.

There is an answer for recycling plastic bags: Many of them are used in manufacturing plastic lumber. On the West Coast they are often exported to China and made into flip-flops.

Visit the Division of Waste Management Web Site at <http://www.waste.ky.gov>



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Prices are based on trailer load lots paid by end-users. This guide is for reference only and does not represent an obligation by any buyer to pay these amounts.

Prices vary according to location, condition of product and other factors. Prices for handlers and processors will be different from these prices which are quoted for manufacturers. Prices fluctuate daily or weekly, and are based on the second week of the month, unless otherwise noted, and may change.

Paper	\$ per ton	<i>Board and Mill purchase prices, baled, FOB seller's dock. From Jan. 1 Official Board Markets Yellow Sheet, Chicago and Midwest markets.</i>	<u>Previous month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Mixed Paper	60-65		60-65	40-45
Sorted Office	110-120		110-120	90-100
Newsprint #6	55-60		55-60	40-45
Newsprint #8	85-90		85-90	65-70
Sorted White Ledger	185-195		185-195	175-185
Corrugated Containers	75-80		75-80	60-65
Plastics	<u>Cents per lb.</u>	<i>From market sources serving Kentucky, contacted Jan 12. Baled, FOB seller's dock. Priced as loads available.</i>		
Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET-soda bottles)	16	clear and green (mixed)	16	16
High Density Polyethylene (HDPE-milk jugs) #2	27	natural	24	21
Glass	<u>\$ per ton</u>			
Clear	29	<i>From Dec 30, Recycling Manager, national average for truckload quantities, semi-crushed and cleaned, delivered to end-user.</i>	29	29
Amber	17		17	17
Green	9		9	9
Metals	<u>Cents per lb.</u>	<i>Aluminum from market sources serving Kentucky, contacted Jan. 12.</i>		
Aluminum cans	63	densified, baled truckload, picked up	63	53
	<u>\$ per gross ton</u>	<i>Steel from American Metal Market, Jan. 11, 2005. Delivered mill price; Chicago market quoted.</i>		
Steel Cans	210	Clean, used densified cans	235	199

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